

I am writing to you because there are multiple bills that are coming up that I am in opposition to. CT has some of the toughest firearms laws in the nation . Criminals commit crimes not law abiding citizens . The bills that are up will do nothing to stem violence but they will however tighten restrictions on law abiding firearms owners. I ask instead that you draft bills that punish those that break the laws already in place to the highest potential of the law possible ie armed robbery , assault with a deadly weapon, homicide with a firearm . We need to punish those that break the laws that we have existing now . I am seeing far too often extremely light sentencing on criminals who steal or illegally obtain a firearm and then use that firearm to commit a violent crime. If someone purchases a firearm for someone else that is already a crime -it is a straw purchase -prosecute that person .

I am what you would consider a middle of the road person not fully in lockstep with the Republicans or the Democrats , I ask why are you creating your own opposition by continuing to pursue this gun control agenda? We need crime control. People that violate our laws should be punished accordingly . We do not need more endless laws on the books to punish law abiding citizens. The fact that we have an “assault weapon “ ban is ridiculous anyone that is familiar with firearms is well aware that it is only a .22 caliber projectile and it is all about optics. I know many Democrats that are firearms owners. We have seen the largest boom in decades with new firearms owners across the country and that is across all demographics. I ask that you do not create more opposition by trying to pass polarizing legislation that will do nothing to prevent any type of violence.

I ask that you do not let most of SB 16 pass.

I OPPOSE Senate Bill 16 – AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

I OPPOSE House Bill No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

I SUPPORT Raised Senate Bill No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON’S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I SUPPORT Raised House Bill No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I SUPPORT Raised House Bill No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

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